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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Continuation and Conclusion of Briefing of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Tuesday, 3 February 1959 at 2:30 P.M.

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1. Inasmuch as it was necessary for the Director to conclude his briefing of the Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, the House Foreign Affairs Committee briefing was concluded by Mr. Amory who was accompanied by [redacted]. At the conclusion of his reading of the Director's prepared statement, Mr. Amory answered questions for approximately fifteen minutes at which time the Director and Mr. Warner joined the group. The Director and Mr. Amory handled the remaining questions. The session concluded at approximately 5:15 P.M. The Representatives present were:

Morgan, Thomas E. (D., Pa.), Chairman	Murphy, William T. (D., Ill.)
Zablocki, Clement J. (D., Wisc.)	Meyer, William H. (D., Vt.)
Burleson, Omar (D., Tex.)	Gallagher, Cornelius E. (D., N.J.)
Kelly, Edna F. (D., N. Y.)	Bowles, Chester (D., Conn.)
Hays, Wayne L. (D., Ohio)	Chiperfield, Robert B. (R., Ill.)
Selden, Armistead I., Jr. (D., Ala.)	Bolton, Frances P. (R., Ohio)
Pilcher, J. L. (D., Ga.)	Fulton, James G. (R., Pa.)
O'Hara, Barratt (D., Ill.)	Church, Marguerite S. (R., Ill.)
Fascell, Dante B. (D., Fla.)	Adair, E. Ross (R., Ind.)
Coffin, Frank M. (D., Me.)	Bentley, Alvin M. (R., Mich.)
Diggs, Charles C., Jr. (D., Mich.)	Curtis, Laurence (R., Mass.)
Beckworth, Lindley (D., Tex.)	Wainwright, Stuyvesant (R., N.Y.)
McDowell, Harris B., Jr. (D., Del.)	

The staff included:

Boyd Crawford
Al Westphal

Peck Hill
Roy Bullock

2. Since a transcript was taken of the presentation, detailed questions will not be gone into. However, several comments are worthy of note.

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a. Mrs. Edna Kelly queried Mr. Amory as to who made the decision for us to "move in" any country. She also queried the Director at some length [redacted] concerning the evaluation of intelligence and whether we had made any changes in our procedures as a "result of intelligence lapses." [redacted] her Subcommittee could not obtain firsthand intelligence estimates on Hungary from the State Department in 1957.

b. Representative Coffin indicated that he would like to see periodic briefings of the type just concluded for he felt that they were most useful (the Director indicated that the same suggestion had been made in other quarters and that he intended to take the matter up at a higher level in the Executive Branch).

c. In connection with Mr. Coffin's remarks, Congressman Zablocki indicated that this was one of the reasons why a number of the Foreign Affairs Committee members had introduced bills calling for a Joint Intelligence Committee. He asked the Director for his comment on these measures. (As in the past, the Director did not take a position on the Joint Committee bills but said that he could see some problems from the standpoint of security aspects as they related to members of the Committee staff.)

3. A press release which had been drafted by Mr. Warner was issued by the Committee following the briefing.



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